

**From:** [Washburn, Ben](#)  
**To:** [Carey, Curtis](#); [Sanders, LaTonya](#); [Whitley, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hi Ben  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 12:07:00 PM

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I'm on the bi-weekly Intergov call right now. Can give you a call as soon as we're done here.

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**From:** Carey, Curtis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 12:07 PM  
**To:** Washburn, Ben <[washburn.ben@epa.gov](mailto:washburn.ben@epa.gov)>; Sanders, LaTonya <[Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov](mailto:Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov)>; Whitley, Christopher <[Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hi Ben

I just sent you the draft statement/update for the news conference response. You have a minute to talk about this one? I'm thinking we just pull from the statement I just did. I've spoken with Mark.

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**From:** Washburn, Ben  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 12:04 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Hi Ben

Curtis,

Here's our first inquiry regarding the AG's letter. Heard you're working on a desk statement. I'll standby to hear something before responding to Aisha.

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**From:** Aisha Khan [<mailto:akhan@sbgstv.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 11:28 AM  
**To:** Washburn, Ben <[washburn.ben@epa.gov](mailto:washburn.ben@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Hi Ben

Thanks again for the statement last week Ben I was able to use that in the show and on our website. I wanted to once again reach out to you and this time ask if you have a response or a comment in regards to AG Chris Koster's recent letter to Congressional delegation supporting transfer of West Lake Landfill to FUSRAP. The letter can be found at this link.

<http://ago.mo.gov/docs/default-source/press-releases/2016/congressionalletterfusrap.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Thanks so much!

Aisha

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**From:** Washburn, Ben [<mailto:washburn.ben@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 3:08 PM  
**To:** Aisha Khan; Carey, Curtis  
**Subject:** RE: Hi Ben and Curtis

Hi Aisha,

While this bill has passed the Senate, it still must pass the House of Representatives and be signed by the President before any potential transfer of authority happens at the site.

I have the following statement that I can share with you:

EPA is aware the Senate recently took the first step in a lengthy process to authorize the transfer of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site from EPA jurisdiction to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Until the bill passes the House and is signed into law by the President, EPA retains its responsibility as the lead federal agency at the site and will work diligently to protect the public from the wastes contained at the West Lake Landfill. EPA remains focused on overseeing work related to the proposed isolation barrier and continues to work toward a final remedy proposal by the end of 2016.

EPA is making good progress at the Superfund Site. We have an enforceable work schedule with the parties that requires the submission of evaluations necessary for EPA to propose a final remedy for public comment by the end of 2016. In addition, at the end of December 2015, EPA announced a decision to require the potentially responsible parties to build an isolation barrier to separate radioactive material from an underground smoldering event in an adjacent landfill. The decision calls for the installation of additional engineering controls, such as cooling loops, cover, and additional monitoring to prevent potential impacts that could result if an underground smoldering event were to come into contact with the radioactive materials contained in the West Lake Landfill. Also in December 2015, EPA announced an enforceable removal action to develop and implement surface fire prevention measures at the West Lake Landfill Site. The order requires extensive prevention plans including placing material over all exposed areas where radioactive material is currently known to be at or near the surface. Field work on surface fire prevention measures is expected to begin soon and be completed by the end of this spring.

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**From:** Aisha Khan [<mailto:akhan@sbgty.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 11:17 AM

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**Subject:** Hi Ben and Curtis

Aisha here again from ABC 30. Looking to get a comment regarding the latest with Westake Landfill. Ben I texted you this morning about it but not sure if you received it. I understand a recent legislation passed through the senate that would give the Army Corp of Engineers control of the landfill clean up.

Does this mean the EPA could possibly be no longer involved? I just needed some clarification because it is a complicated issue and I wanted to be sure we were reporting the correct facts.

Thanks so much.

Aisha